Management of Parking Lots

766. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority has lost more than Rs. 3.00 crores due to its mismanagement of parking lots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it did not retender contracts that had expired and permitted contractors to pocket daily collections;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a number of tenders are over due to by three year's; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken/being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSITRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) DDA has reported that out of a total of 36 parking lots, in case of only 9 parking lots tenders were called just after the expiry of the due date. Out of these 9 sites, tenders were received in 7 case and in 2 cases no tenders were received. However, to check the revenue loss, in all the 9 sites the previous licencees were allowed to continue with an enhanced licence fee of 15% from the previous years licence amount.

(d) and (e) Out of various parking lots, the delay of more than three years occured only in case of Rohtak Road Transport Centre. The delay has occured due to the stiff resistence on the part of the transporters, drivers and members of the association of Rohtak Road Transport Centre resulting in law and order problem. Ultimately after a clearance from the Police, the lot was put to tender on 4.6.98, 6.10.98 and 15.12.98. But on all the occasions, nobody came forward with an offer.

Pilgrim and Tourist Centres

767. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to provide financial assistance for the development of infrastructural facilities in the pilgrim and tourist centres of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any funds are proposed for the pilgrim and tourist centres of Rajasthan for the year 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) This Ministry has a scheme for Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) which is in operation since 1979. One of the components of the scheme including provision of tourist facilities. A copy of the scheme is given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) Funds are being released for on going schemes depending on utilisation of funds already released. Coverage of new towns under IDSMT scheme would depend on availability of funds after making allocation for on-going schemes.

Statement

The Components for Assistance Under IDSMT Include Works as Per City/ Town Development / Master Plans which may have City/Town-wise Significance

— Strengthening of Master Plan road facilities including ring, arterial, by pass /link roads and small bridges.

— Sites and services;

— Development of bus/terminals; Construction upgradation of Master Plan drains including storm water channels;